

New Paradigm Glazer-Loving Academy Board of Directors

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. **Place:** New Paradigm Glazer Academy, 2001 LaBelle St, Detroit, MI 48238

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

1. Oath of Office: Monica Eason and Lavertis Vasser: Oaths of Office were administered by Board President Edward Cotton to Mrs. Eason and Mr. Lavertis Vasser.
2. Call to Order: The Board Meeting called to order by Board President Cotton at 6:13 p.m.
3. Roll Call of Board Members:

Name	Present	Excused Absence
Edward Cotton, President	X	
Monica Eason, Vice-President	X	
Edward Hill, Secretary		X
Marchan Darby, Treasurer	X	
Lavertis Vasser, Member	X	

NPFE Staff Present:

Jacqueline Dungey, New Paradigm Glazer Principal

Paris Hodge, Director of Finance

Alicia Markham, Administrative Assistant

La'Tasha Tucker, Director of Operations

Others Present:

Merrideth Okonkwor, Grand Valley State University Representative

4. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda moved by Mrs. Eason, supported by Mrs. Darby, unanimously approved.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes moved by Mrs. Eason, supported by Mrs. Darby, unanimously approved.
6. Public Comment (limited to Agenda only): NONE
7. Board Action Item(s)
 - a. Acceptance of Edward Hill's Resignation: Motion to approve the acceptance of Edward Hill's Resignation moved by Mrs. Eason, supported by Mrs. Darby, unanimously approved.

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- b. Appointment of Board Secretary: Motion to nominate Mr. Vasser as the NPGLA Board Secretary to replace Mr. Hill moved by Mrs. Eason, supported by Mrs. Darby, unanimously approved.
 - c. Spring 2026 Board Policy Updates: Motion to approve the Spring 2026 Board Policy Updates moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.
 - d. Student Handbook: Motion to approve the Student Handbook moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.
 - e. Limited Flexible Virtual Instruction Days for 2026-27: Motion to approve the Limited Flexible Virtual Instruction Days for 2026-27, moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.
8. Administrative Reports
- a. Financial Report Paris Hodge: The entire Finance team is working together to provide the Board of Directors with their Financial Reports. Mrs. Clark, Business Manager is currently your Day-to-Day Contact. Expenditures for the month of July 2026 - Payroll/ Beginning of the Budget/ Summer Discovery was centralized throughout New Paradigm for Education and not a separate program. NPGLA's audit will be starting in October 2026 and due November 1, 2026. Motion to approve the Financial Report moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.
 - b. Principal's Report Jacqueline Dungey: Summer Discovery served 110 students with a 75% consistent attendance rate, up from 102 students last year. The Summer Discovery Field Day events at DEPSA - Several of our students won 1st Place in 3rd Gr. Math/ Spelling - Kindergarten, 1st Gr., 4th Gr., and 7th Gr. NWEA Reading and Math Scores did increase. Two (2) new Pre-K classrooms were added and just received our 1st Application, yesterday. Two (2) new instructional staff members have been added. Our current enrollment figures are standing at 200 students for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion to approve the Principal's Report moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.
9. Grand Valley State University Merrideth Okonkwo: Webinars for your organization's Board Training are the same this year in which two (2) members MUST complete one (1) of Board Training. Do think of topics of interest (i.e., goal setting, Board's mission for the year - includes one to two topics). Leadership/ HR Departments: MDE will host two (2) free webinars on August 19th and August 22nd, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please think of attending the November 5, 2026 - Board President Retreat in Detroit, MI; Location - TBD. Jeff Maxwell who is your School Support Specialist is now a Coordinator for GVSU. GVSU's NWEA Testing for SY 2026-27 sessions begin Fall: Sept. 1st - Oct. 30th/ Winter: Dec. 1st - Jan. 30th/ Spring: Apr. 1st - May 30th. One of your Board Members has resigned, so you must fill the Secretary's seat quickly because a Quorum is required to hold your meetings. If you have some recommendations and/or resumes, please make it the top of your priority list. The State of Michigan Legislature bill was signed on July 21, 2026, for a \$250 increase to \$10,300 per student line item with an intro weighted trending - ESL/Economically Disadvantaged Students.

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This increase will go all the way to the 2040-2041 school year. Motion to approve GVSU Report moved by Mrs. Darby, supported by Mrs. Eason, unanimously approved.

10. New Business/Board Comments: Mr. Cotton stated that everyone should be careful on the highways. Ms. Tucker stated that she has a resume for the OPEN NPGLA Board Secretary position. That person is a Master Teacher and is quite interested in the position.
11. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): NONE
12. Confirmation of next Board Meeting Thursday, September 17, 2026: CONFIRMED
13. Adjournment: The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. by Mrs. Eason, supported by Mrs. Darby, unanimously approved.

All meeting attendees are invited to make public comments after signing their name on the sign-up sheet immediately proceeding the meeting. Comments must be limited to two minutes.



Board Secretary Signature



Date

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